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| Applicant(s): Tsuyoshi KUBOTA et al.     | Art Unit: 2167   |
| Application No.: 10/743,458              |                  |
| Confirmation No.: 8146                   | Examiner: C. Kim |
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| Title: SPLIT TYPE CONNECTING ROD         |                  |

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. An **Appendix** including the amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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